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(b) how many cases of attachment of movable and immovable properties respectively there were;

(c) how many immovable properties had to be sold; and

(d) in how many cases the assessment was recovered before confirmation of the sale both in South Kanara and in the Kasaragod taluk respectively?

A.—(a) The land revenue arrears at the end of August 1931 amounted to Rs. 41,985 in South Kanara. The Government have no separate information as regards the Kasaragod taluk. They are not aware that the arrears were due to economic distress.

(b), (c) & (d) The Government have no information.

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—"With reference to answers to clauses (b), (c) and (d), will Government be pleased to call for the information and satisfy themselves that the arrears there are due to economic distress?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"The reports that we receive from the Board of Revenue will show whether there was an excessive number of processes issued for the recovery of land revenue. We will then consider whether it is necessary to take any special action."

Destruction of rice and sugarcane crops by floods in South Kanara.

* 485 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received or called for any report regarding the damage caused by floods last month to rice and sugarcane crop in South Kanara; and

(b) whether the Government propose to grant any remission in assessment to fields adjoining rivers where the first rice crop has been entirely destroyed by floods?

A.—(a) & (b) A report has been called for.

Appointment of the Huzur Sarishtadar of Kurnool.

* 486 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) on what grounds may a person be appointed as Huzur Sarishtadar though he has not put in a service of two years as Tahsildar, and retained in that office though he has served three years in it;

(b) whether these grounds exist, for instance, in the case of Mr. Jaganayakulu Nayudu, Huzur Sarishtadar of Kurnool; and

(c) what steps the Government have taken to ensure compliance with the rules made by them?

A.—(a) The matter is governed by Board's Standing Order No. 137.

(b) The Government have not the information.

(c) Normally, the Government presume that their orders will be obeyed.